

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated July 9, 2007. Claims 1 to 7 are in the application, with Claim 1 being independent. Claims 1, 5, and 6 have been amended herein, and Claim 7 has been newly added. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

A replacement drawing sheet is being submitted herewith. The replacement drawing sheet includes the changes required by the Office Action. In particular, a --PRIOR ART-- legend have been added to each of Figures 4 and 5.

Claims 1 to 3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 6,369,316 (Plessing). Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Plessing. Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Plessing in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,127,622 (Yamada). Claim 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Plessing in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,149,757 (Chikaki). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, mounting the body to be laminated on a tabular member made of a metal plate.

Applicants respectfully submit that none of Plessing, Yamada, and Chikaki, even in the proposed combinations, assuming, *arguendo*, that such could be combined, discloses or suggests at least the above-discussed feature. It is further respectfully submitted that there has been no showing of any indication of motivation in the cited documents that would lead one of ordinary skill in the art to arrive at such claimed feature.

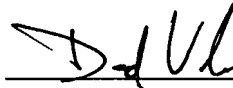
The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from the independent

claim discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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